

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

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REAP Private Public Cost-Share Grants – September 2008

The Department requests Commission approval of the recommendations of the Project Review and Selection Committee for the REAP Public/Private Cost-sharing grants. That group met September 10 to review and score applications. The committee is administered by Arnie Sohn and includes three members from the DNR: Paul Tauke, Kevin Szcodronski, Jeff Joens; and three members from outside the agency: Jon Kruse of Storm Lake representing DU, Margo Underwood of Mason City, and Glenn Vondra of Adel representing both the Iowa Wild Turkey Federation and the Safari Club International.

A total of \$518,364 is available from the REAP Open Spaces Account to cost share with private entities for the purchase of high-quality natural areas that become DNR property.

Successful grants must provide at least 25% of the cost. The four grants totaled \$756,625 in requests, leaving the 4th ranking grant with \$46,114 available. The Department is still in discussions with the Nature Conservancy to determine whether it will accept this partial award. If not, the Department will distribute the funds with next year's grant round.

PROJECT NAME & RANK	COUNTY OF PROJECT	APPLICANT	ACRES	PRICE	GRANT REQUEST	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL SCORE
No. 1 - Stone State Park Addition-Lieber Tract	Woodbury	Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	24	\$67,000	\$50,250.00	Loess Hills prairie remnants and archaeological sites adjoining 1292-acre Stone State Park	163.5
No. 2 - Upper Iowa River Wildlife Management Area Addition	Winneshiek	Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	48.3	\$279,500	\$182,500	Primarily reconstructed prairie and riparian woodland along Upper Iowa with approx. 1/2-mile of river frontage. Part of a projected 900-acre project	155.67

No. 3 - Loess Hills Wildlife Management Area Addition	Monona	Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	136	\$443,766	\$240,000	Mixed native prairie remnant and oak savanna (78 acres) and cropland (58 acres), the latter to be converted to local ecotype seed source site by DNR. Addition to 3896-acre WMA	155.33
No. 4 - Five Ridge Prairie Addition at Broken Kettle Grasslands Bird Conservation Area	Plymouth	The Nature Conservancy	160	\$427,500	\$283,875 only \$46,114 available after funding top 3 grants	The Lloyd Tract includes 108 acres of remnant prairie and bur oak woodlands, along with 52 acres of cropland.	150.17

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